

SENATE BILL 1031

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By: **Senator Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2010

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity – Repeal of**
3 **Reporting Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement that the Maryland Insurance
5 Administration report annually to certain committees of the General Assembly
6 on complaints relating to the denial of coverage for the surgical treatment of
7 morbid obesity; and generally relating to the insurance coverage of the surgical
8 treatment of morbid obesity.

9 BY repealing

10 Chapter 486 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by
11 Chapter 301 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005
12 Section 3

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 486 of the Acts of 2004, as amended by Chapter 301 of the Acts of**
16 **2005**

17 [SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December
18 15, 2004 and annually thereafter, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall
19 report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate
20 Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee,
21 for the 12–month period following the date the preceding report is provided, on:

22 (1) the number of complaints filed with the Administration relating to
23 the denial of coverage for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity;

24 (2) the health insurance carrier that denied coverage and the reason
25 given for the denial; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) whether the Administration upheld or reversed the denial of
2 coverage and the basis of the decision.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2010.